

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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:  
MERRILL LYNCH BUSINESS FINANCIAL  
SERVICES INC.,  
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Plaintiff,  
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-against-  
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J.S. SUAREZ, INC., RAMONA SUAREZ, MATTHEW  
SUAREZ, and "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH  
"JOHN DOE #12 the last twelve names being fictitious  
and unknown To plaintiff, being persons having or  
claiming an interest in or lien upon the chattel described  
in the complaint,  
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Defendants.  
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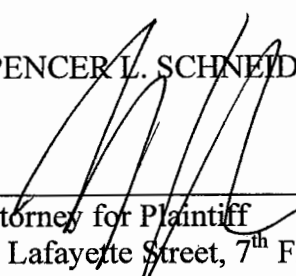
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**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 [formerly Local General Rule 1.9] and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services Inc. (a private non-governmental party) certifies that the following are corporate parents, affiliates and/or subsidiaries of said party, which are publicly held: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

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